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SUBJECT: F-5E AIRCRAFT FOR ETHIOPIA

REF: STATE 140139

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO ON JUNE 18 I PROVIDED HIM WITH INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL, INCLUDING FACT THAT DECISION ON SALE OF 16 F-5ES IS STILL SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL. I INDICATED THAT CHMAAG WOULD SHORTLY PROVIDE MOD WITH A WRITTEN STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT AND WOULD DISCUSS IT WITH HIM.

2. KIFLE SAID HE FOUND THIS INFORMATION DISAPPOINTING BECAUSE IT DEMONSTRATED NO APPRECIATION THAT ETHIOPIA'S REQUEST HAD REFLECTED "EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS." HE SAID IT IS THE TYPE OF RESPONSE WHICH CAUSES MISUNDERSTANDING IN HIS GOVERNMENT REGARDING US INTENTIONS: IT WOULD ADD TO THE GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT WHICH HAD BEEN CAUSED WHEN THE EPMG HAD LEARNED THAT F-5AS WOULD NOT, AS EARLIER STATED, BE "IMMEDIATELY" AVAILABLE.

3. I POINTED OUT TO KIFLE THAT THE EPMG WOULD NOT IN ANY EVENT BE READY TO UTILIZE F-5ES UNTIL ITS PILOTS HAD COMPLETED 6 MONTHS TRAINING ON THIS TYPE PLANE. I EMPHASIZED THAT THE DELIVERY DATES I HAD MENTIONED TO HIM HAD BEEN MADE POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH MAXIMUM EFFORTS WITHIN THE USG. I ALSO REMINDED KIFLE THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE MORE ENCOURAGING INFORMATION ABOUT THE DELIVERY OF

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F-5AS WHICH AMBASSADOR HUMMEL HAD GIVEN HIM ON MAY 21 (ADDIS 6461).

4. IN CONCLUSION THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE WOULD REPORT OUR
CONVERSATION TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS BUT THAT HE KNEW THE RESPONSE WOULD BE ONE OF DISAPPOINT-
MENT.

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